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BRISTOL—GOODSON.

What "Meekins" has to say
About the Border City—
Bristol's Future, &c.

Below we give the highly interest-
ing letter of Mr. G. W. Bagby, writ-
ten from this point during his late
visit, and published in the Richmond
STATE, 15th. Some portions are
omitted for want of space. Mr.
Bagby is a versatile writer, and his
articles remind us of a mountain
stream winding through a lovely val-
ley—every now and then we catch
glimpses of the laughing water, as it
dances around some graceful curve:

In 1854 or '55, I "discovered"
which, Mr. R. F. Walker sent me as a
spy into this land of Canaan. Object
—to start a paper. For my life I can-
not remember whether the railroad
had or had not been completed to this
point or not, but I rather think not,
because a vague mixture of Abingdon
and stage coaches at midnight remain-
in the back or bottom part of my
brain. The Virginia house had been
opened—I am certain of that—for the
aroma of strong coffee and broiled
chicken hangs round the broken, the
ruined wall of me still. One of the
Langhorns kept it, didn't he? or was
he a son of Billy Lancaster?

The people of Bristol received me
kindly, wanted a paper "very bad,"
would do all they could to sustain it,
but drew me such a horrible picture of
Brownlow—a man, they said, with
two foreheads that held a double
amount of mind, no conscience, and a
bloody heart—that I retreated in good
order. They frightened me by an
outline of Fayette McMullin. And I
saw a wild and desperate young man
who was dressed in a full suit of cur-
tain calico, with large figures mostly
of green birds and that scared me, too.

Suppose Walker and I had settled
here. We were young, Walker had
the sense and I had the nonsense—
where would Fowler and the Bristol
News be now? Pretty Miss May
would have been dissatisfied out of
Richmond, the Twines would never
have been born, the course certainly
of Virginia, and probably of Ameri-
can history, would have been changed,
the world might have come to an
end, and, in fact, things generally
might have got out of kilter—which
would have been awkward for the
universe. I am sorry we didn't go.

How rare Bristol was at the time of
my first visit, I cannot recall. When
I came here a year or two after the
war, it was still small. The mer-
chants, like a parcel of boys, were
playing jokes on each other. One
would send a message in hot haste to
another with the cabalistic words:
—"Mr. So-and-so has a note for you."
Please come and get it immediately,
for it is important." Off So-and-so
would hurry, to be shown an oar (a
note) and get laughed at for his pains.
Lynchburg, in the days of Tom Ac-
re and Parson Labby, was not more
youthful and practically joking. But
now with enlarged borders and bigger
business the gravity of mercantile life
has come upon Bristol; it feels its oats
and acts up to them.

Nor can I say that either of my
former visits impressed me with "the
promise and the potency" of the place.
I feel them now sensibly. Alone, I
went out one bright morning to King
College, named for the Rev. James
King, one of the original settlers,
who gave twenty acres of ground to
the college. From the upper window
I cast a glance over the little city—"How
it has grown since the war!"
—"What an admirable site!" "Good
for 20,000 people in a few years!"—
Such were my mental exclamations,
as I looked on and enjoyed the scene,
much as an old man looks on a stout,
happy boy, and sees in him the strong,
tall, handsome man that is to be. On
the other side of Beaver creek, thick-
set already with mills and factories,
rises a little mountain on the very
edge of town, which ought at once to
be placed by the authorities as the fit-
test place for a park. How beautiful
it would be, with its gently graded
roads, its grass and its trees, and what
lovely views it would command. Then
there is the lightly scooped vale through
which the narrow gauge road
—to run—the site in coming years
of more factories and long lines of level
streets. The eye of the mind could
see them already built and flaming
with gas or electricity; while from
the tops of the hills hard by twinkled
the lights from the parlors of suburban
villas tenanted by the wealthy classes.
"What a charming city it is going to
be!" I said alone to myself. And so
it will! If these people do but accept
and welcome in loving spirit the beau-
ty of nature which God has given them,
I say nothing of the more distant
scenery, bold and picturesque,
lying yonder, away in dim azure haze,
and fading out of sight, an anthem of
form trembling into silence. Nor do
I speak of the mellow climate, tropi-
cal in the midsummer noons, but cool-
ing quickly under the mountain night
dew—a soft belt of lowland enveloped
by highland, in which there is a vari-

ety of fruit the year round; the earth
dancing and melting into the delight
of apple, peach, plum, pear, grape, fig,
all that is sweet, juicy and delicious.
This is rhapsody.
Well yes; but this is a favored zone.
Why there has been but one drought
here in ten years, and the torrents of
dried fruits poured out each winter
tell how favored of heaven the land is.

The people are good people. They
have of course the teetotal sleep (as
all young people have that), but the
Presbyterian church, aye, and the
Methodist too, show that taste is in
the ascendant. They are a live peo-
ple, stimulated by the fact that two
States come together in the middle of
their principal street. Warned by
strong currents of traffic, they ought
to be, and they are. Look at those
tall business houses, 100 to 150 feet
long, going up and remember these are
hard times. What shall we not see
here when times are better? I tell you
Bristol is to be a manufacturing
town of goodly size. Tobacco is
playing an important part in Abing-
don, but here in Bristol it has built
already the largest factory in Tennes-
see. What it will do hereafter no
man need attempt to say. When
from the mountains of four States the
weed begins to pour in freely, Bristol
will begin to ask why it is she can
equal Lynchburg and Danville.

Much is expected of the iron and coal
in Scott, Wise and Lee, and masses of
both will come when the Narrow Gauge
road is completed, but tobacco will
rule the roost, as it does in all Virginia
towns. But the making of Bristol will
be due in a great part to the admixture
of the blood of the different States which
unite here, and the wholesome rivalry
caused thereby. It is the leading place
between Lynchburg and Knoxville, with
a splendid back country which can
never be taken from it. There are two
municipal organizations, two mayors,
&c. Perfect harmony exists, the citi-
zen lives indifferently in Virginia or
in Tennessee—the fact being, as attested
by the United States survey, that Vir-
ginia had her own she would hold not
only Goodson and Bristol, but several
miles of territory west and south of them.

With Mr. Fowler, of the News, I had
several talks. * * * Fowler impresses
me as being a man of far higher moral
tone than the professional politician.
He will do his duty, and, if need be, die
in defense of the right. Nor will he be
the fool of his own ambition. He gives
a most encouraging account of the
Bristol Coal and Iron Narrow-Gauge
Railroad Company, from which so much
is expected. Senator H. C. Wood, of
Scott county, is President of the road.
The day that sees its completion to
Cumberland Gap may be distant,
but it will come, and when it does,
it will be a day of triumph for Bristol.

Col. Fulkerson was out of town, at-
tending a great meeting in Tazewell
county. One of the earliest, ablest and
stameliest of the Realists, if any body
is entitled to honors, he is the man.
But younger converts are claiming ev-
erything. "Abe," as he is familiarly
called, tells a good story which ought
long ago to have gone into print. An
ignorant fellow who had been holding
forth at wearisome length on the sub-
ject of the currency, was interrupted by
a countryman with the following ques-
tion:

"Look here, Nat, you have been talk-
ing all day, and hang me if I can make
out what you are after. Come down to
plain English and tell us exactly what
you want."

"Well, sir, I'll tell you what I want.
I want the laws to be mended in such a
way that I'll give silver a legal tenency,
and make greenbacks equivalent to gold."
The best part of my visit to Bristol
was the seeing of my life-long friends,
Professor and Mrs. Jno. H. Winston.
Selling tobacco has proved an excellent
substitute for school-teaching, so much
so that the Professors cheeks stand out
with fatness. A man of many dealings,
he has the confidence and respect of the
entire community—in a word, is a use-
ful and influential citizen. * * *
G. W. B.

NEW YORK.

Speech of Ex-Gov. Walker—late
of Va. Now of N. Y.

In the recent Democratic Conven-
tion at Syracuse N. Y. Ex-Governor
Walker made the following speech
which we copy from the Baltimore
SUN.

In response to loud calls for ex Gov.
Walker, of Virginia, that gentleman
came forward and said: "After an ab-
sence of twenty years to be welcomed
back in this manner by the assembled
representatives of the Democracy of
the great Empire State truly should
make any man happy and proud."
[Applause.] If the greeting signify
what I desire, it means democratic
fraternity, democratic union and
democratic votes. [Applause.] Hence-
forth during the balance of my life
I expect to be a citizen of this my
native State, and be a member of her
noble democratic party. I shall en-
deavor to discharge my duty by the
State I shall discharge my duty to the
democratic party, the one involves the
other. [Applause.] Upon my advent

into the State after this long absence
I feel like saying in the strongest lan-
guage of which I am capable: Let us
drop all personal considerations, let
us offer up everything to the success
of the party. [Applause.]

We are to have no puerile contest
this fall. The late Saratoga conven-
tion has issued its mandate. Prior to
its assembling there was discord and
bitterness in the Republican ranks.
How is it now? Everything has been
quieted; the party lash has been used;
not even that winking who to-day
occupies the Presidential chair squeaks
against the party leaders. We are to
have a united and defiant aggressive
Republican party to put down. There
is in my judgement but one way to
put it down, and that is by locking
shields in the old Greek style, and
with a phalanx order-d in that man-
ner crush our opponents by the mere
momentum of our strength and our
movement. [Applause.]

The old revolutionary motto, you
know, was 'united we stand, divided
we fall.' [Applause.]
A divided Democracy means dis-
cussion defeat and rout. Can we af-
ford it? [Cries of "No! No! Never!"]
No! I say. If we all say never, there
should be sense, judgement and pa-
triotism enough in this grand assem-
bly of New York Democrats to solve
the difficulty. [Applause.] You
will find within ten days their order
of battle marked out and proclaimed.
If we here, to-day and to-morrow,
thoroughly organize our battle, we
can put down those forces and achieve
a victory in November—Let me ask
you one question. Why is it that the
Republican party has become so sud-
denly and so thoroughly united?

What has become of the reformers?
Why have they been kicked into the
party, and to-day they are thanking
providence that they had been kicked
back. [Laughter.] What has be-
come of civil service? It is being il-
lustrated by taking the poor Govern-
ment employes for funds to run the
Republican campaign. Where are the
administration Republicans? To-day
they are singing psalms of praise to the
man that this administration under-
took to disgrace by removal from a
high public position. I instance these
things to show how thorough is the
union of our opponents. What is the
cause of it? The leading man of that
convention and the dictator of the
Republican party in this State has
said "The Democrats will need but 47
electoral votes to elect a President in
1880 and the State of New York has
35 votes. Give them to the Demo-
crats and they will have the Presi-
dency." I take him at his word for this
one. [Laughter.] I believe he is
correct. If we carry the State this
fall the Presidential election of 1880 is
won. [Applause.] If we carry the
election this fall we continue to the
people of the State the beneficence of
honesty, integrity and faithfulness in
State administration. [Applause.] Is
there not enough in all this, aside from
the other reasons that I have given,
to induce us in all spirit of harmony,
of interest in the country, the good of
the State and the people, if we have
any difficulties, to drop them and har-
monize in some manner, so that victo-
ry will perch upon our banners. [Ap-
plause.]

The convention then adjourned un-
til 9:30 to-morrow morning.

Running Expenses of a Narrow Gauge Railroad.

The St. Louis Republican gives the fol-
lowing estimate of the running expen-
ses of a narrow gauge railroad, based on
the performance of thirteen locomotives
during the month of June last:

The locomotives consumes one ton of
coal per seventy miles, one pint of oil
for thirty-eight miles of running. En-
gine repairs have cost 4-3-10 cents; the
wages of engineers, firemen and round-
house men have cost 5-0-10 cents; fuel
has cost 1-1-10 cents; and oil, tallow, and
waste have cost 1-1-10 of a cent per mile
run by the engineers, making a total for
engine services of 12 cents a mile; a re-
sult which is seldom equaled in the di-
rection of economy.

A Dead Man Speaks.

Reidville (N. C.) Times.

It was told in Milton, concerning the
recent death of a citizen of Danville, Va.
that in turning him over to shroud him
the words "O God!" escaped his lips.
It was accounted for, that when he died
those words almost spoken were left in
him muttered by his last breath, and in
handling his body they came out. Could
such a case ever have happened? Can
there be such a theory? We only know
it is seriously talked of in Milton.
Science and spectacles to the front!

A Good Woman.

A good woman never grows old.—
Years may grow her head, but if benevo-
lence and virtue dwell in her heart, she
is as cheerful as when the spring of life
first opened to her view. When we look
upon a good woman we never think of
her age—she looks as charming as when
the rose of youth first bloomed upon her
cheek. That rose has not faded yet; it
will never fade. In her neighborhood
she is the friend and benefactor. In the
church the devout worshipper and ex-
emplary Christian. Who does not love
and respect the woman who has passed
her days in acts of kindness and mercy
—who has been the friend of man and
God—whose whole life has been a scene
of kindness and love, a devotion of love
and religion? We repeat such a woman
cannot grow old. She will always be

Kennebec's Wonder.

Elizabeth City (N. C.) Falcon.

We have received authentic infor-
mation that at that portion of our sea-
coast known as Little Kennebec a
valuable historic relic in the form of
the complete skeleton of a whale sixty
feet long has been found, well preserv-
ed. The peculiarity of the affair is
that the skeleton was found imbedded
in a sand hill which has been covered
with an extensive forest "from time
whereof the memory of man runneth
not to the contrary." The sand of
this hill, being recently changed by
storms during the past two years, was
gradually removed from the place
where the remains of this ancient
monster of the deep must have been
reposing for hundreds, yea thousands
of years. Another circumstance, be-
sides the fact that large trees of slow
growth are directly over the skeleton,
is that the hill in which it was found
is on the sound side of the beach,
showing conclusively that the entire
coast must have been deeply submerged
at the time when this specimen of
our greatest sea mammals was driven
from his ocean home and left on the
coast by the receding waters. What
great flood could this have been?
Verily has a prehistoric relic been
found.

A New Way to Treat Diphtheria.

Quite a discovery in the treatment of
diphtheria has been made here. A
young man, whose arm had been ampu-
tated, was attacked by diphtheria before
healing took place, and instead of the
matter incident to that disease being de-
posited in the throat, the greater portion
appeared on the wounded arm, and the
diphtheria was very light and easily
managed. Dr. Davis, of Mankato,
profited by this, and in his next case of
diphtheria blistered his patient's chest,
and on this blistered part the chief de-
posits appeared. This was also an easy
case of the disease. The theory of Dr.
Davis is that diphtheria usually appears
in the throat because of the thinness of
the lining of the throat. Hence, when
the blister breaks the skin upon any
other part of the body, the disease ap-
pears there.—Minnesota letter to the
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folly, let her love truth and virtue; and
to the close of her life she will retain
these feelings which now make life ap-
pear a garden of sweets ever fresh and
ever new.

Self-murder is not a brave or manly
way of getting out of the world. And
for the man or woman who has a family
to care for, suicide is the meanest pos-
sible mode of shirking duty. Since
Becher and Fugard abolished the
penal establishment on the other shore,
this crime has very greatly increased in
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